DIFFICULTIES OF THE CAMPAIGN. FILIPINOS ATTEMPTING TO PROLONG THE

WAR-LOSSES OF AMERICANS. anila, March 26, 8:15 a. m.—Twenty-six dead and 150 wounded in a hospital is the latest statement of the American losses in the engagement with the Filipinos.

To-day's fighting furnished a specimen of the difficulties with which the Americans have to contend. The Filipinos never, except opposite Malabon, permitted their opponents to get within several hundred yards of them. They would fire a few volleys from their cover and then scuttle back to another cover, repeating these tactics for miles. Many of the trenches had gullies and connecting paths through the cane and brush, enabling the rebels to retreat un-

The problem the Americans have to face is to drive or lure the insurgents to fight in force. The trenches seem thinly manned, except in

the vicinity of Malabon. The Americans, fighting a hidden foe, suffered greater loss in proportion than did the enemy. The loss of the Filipinos had formerly been estimated from the number of bodies found scattered in the swamp and through the brush. A larger percentage of the enemy's wounded died than of the Americans, many of them perishing from neglect, the Americans naturally attending to their own men first.

The wounded, after treatment in the field hospitals, were brought to the Manila hospital by train. Several trips were made from Caloocan to the city. The first lot to start for the city was composed largely of bandaged soldiers, who shouted, "Give 'em hell, boys!"

The gunboat Helena and two Army gunboats command Malabon, but the authorities desire to

THE ADVANCE TO CONTINUE. REBELS MADE A STRONG RESISTANCE-AMERICAN CASUALTIES ABOUT ONE HUNDRED AND SINTY.

Manila, March 25.

five killed. Enemy lost in killed alone two hun-

It is believed at the War Department that the fighting was resumed Sunday morning. Official advices of the resumption of the fight were looked for by the War Department authorities throughout the late hours of to-night, the difference in time giving a basis for this expectaword from Manila about the battle, additional to in that direction, and to the east the forces of

INCIDENTS OF THE BATTLE. BRAVERY OF AMERICAN TROOPS-SWIFT ADVANCE ON SAN FRANCISCO DEL MONTE.

Manila, March 25.—The movement of the American troops to-day swept the insurgents back toward Malabon. General H. G. Otis's brigade was in front of Laloma, where there is a stretch of a mile of rough, open country. The insurgent trenches in the edge of the woods were four feet deep, and furnished a good cover. The American troops advanced on the double quick, yelling fiercely and occasionally dropping in the grass and firing by volley. The natives stood until the Americans were

within two hundred yards of their position, and were killed in the outskirts and seventy

The Montana and Kansas troops met the hottest resistance in a strip from which the rebels have greatly worried the Americans recently in

Ninety minutes after the start-at 6 o'clockthe whole front for a distance of three miles to the north had been cleared. General Hale's brigade swept in a northwesterly direction, routing the enemy and burning the town of San Francisco del Monte and a number of scattered

The line was then opposite Novaliches, the artillery advancing along a good road from Laloma to Novaliches, the wagons carrying pontoons, telegraph supplies and ammunition. The infantry moved in splendid order. Smoke from the burning buts marked the line

of the American advance. Ambulances and wounded, among whom were a few Filipinos,

The Americans who were wounded endured their injuries brayely, one group which had been brought into the hospital singing "Comrades."

The 10th Pennsylvania took nine prisoners, among them a tall, naked captain of the Macabebee tribe and one Japanese. tly terrifled, expecting to be executed

THE PRINCETON AT SINGAPORE. Singapore, March 25. The United States gunboat Princeton, Commander Clifford N. West,

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from New-York on January 11 for Manila, has OTIS TELLS OF THE FIGHT. arrived here. The Princeton left Colombo, Ceylon, for Singapore on March 17.

THE SCENE OF THE ACTION.

EXPLAINED BY THE CHIEF OF THE BUREAU

OF MILITARY INFORMATION. Washington, March 25 .- Major Simpson, Chief of the Bureau of Military Information, was busy to-day taking the fragmentary information of the movements here and there of battalions and brigades, and assembling them so as to give on the military map a complete picture of to-day's theatre of operations. As he explained it the field of the action is as follows:

Back of Manila, at a distance of about seven miles from the water-front, sweeps a great semicircle of American troops. This is about twenty miles long, and embraces about twenty-one thousand men. It is cut midway by the Pasig River, which forms a natural military division. To the south the arc is under command of Major-General Lawton, who has recently arrived in the Philippines. Until now this has been the field of activity, with Wheaton's flying column beating back the insurgents. But to-day Lawton's forces are idle, and the scene of activity is shifted to the north of the river. Here the partial circle of American troops sweeps from the waterworks around to the bay. Major-General MacArthur is in command of all the troops north of the river, and these are roughly estimated at between thirteen thousand and fourteen thousand men, the others being with Lawton, on the south. Before the action began this morning MacArthur's forces were divided into three main bodies. Far to the right, near the waterworks, was Hale's brigade. Far to the left, about Caloocan, were the brigades of Harrison Gray Otis and Wheaton, the latter having been drawn from Lawton's forces on the south avoid bombarding the town, where there is in order to strengthen MacArthur's command much valuable property belonging to foreigners for this operation. Between the two was the and where are located warehouses of most of brigade of Hall, held as a sort of reserve, to demonstrate, but not to attack. Hale's brigade, as shown on the military map, was made up of the 3d Nebraska, the 1st South Dakota, the 1st Wyoming, the 1st Colorado and Battery B of the Utah artillery. Harrison Gray Otis's command, on the left, was made up of the 20th Kansas, the 1st Montana, the 10th Pennsylvania, a bat-Washington, March 25.—The War Department | talion of the 23d Infantry and Battery A of the late to-night made public the following dispatch. Utah artillery. These are the troops, with the additional force of Wheaton and some recent arrivals, possibly not yet reported, which have

Adjutant-General

Perfected northern movement not yet completed Otis's and Hale's brigades, with mounted troops, 4th Cavairy, the turning column, metheavy resistance over difficult country, and are camped to-night six miles east of Polo and six miles north of line from which advance was taken up. Wheaton's brigade, Caloocan, drove enemy one and a half miles north across river. Hall, on extreme right, encountered considerable force and routed it. Fighting heavy near Caloocan, Movement continues in morning. Our casualties about one hundred and sixty, twenty-five killed. Enemy lost in killed alone two hunstands. sustained the brunt of the action. MacArthur's forces were carried outside of insurgent base of operations. This base is at Malabon, midway between MacArthur's forces at Polo and the combined forces of Harrison Gray Otis and Wheaton at Caloocan. Thus the insurgents were flanked, and between two strong bodies of American troops. To the tion. Up to 11 o'clock to-night, however, no | west of them is Manila Bay, cutting off retreat the advices of the day, or of a resumption of the Hall (or Hale), as reported by General Otis, are 'demonstrating" in order to prevent an insurgent movement toward the east. They were thus left between the two main bodies of Amerlean troops, and must engage one or the other of them. It was General Otis's plan, as shown by

> advanced toward those of MacArthur, thus gradually inclosing the insurgents between two parallel lines until they are either crished or are made prisoners. made prisoners.
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> The two opposing forces appear to be rather evenly matched in point of numbers, the estimate of the American force-north of the river being about fourteen thousand, while General Otis places the insurgents at atout twelve thousand. General Otis is in supreme command, directing the operations from a central telegraph station. The actual field movements were executed by Major-General MacArthur, who in person led the brigade in its decisive move to flank and surround the rebel forces.

> his dispatch, to have the brigades of Wheaton

then broke and ran for the woods. About thirty | CAPTAIN CLAY NOT SERIOUSLY HURT. FOR VALOR IN CUBA.

Lexington, Ky., March 25 (Special).-Mrs. James B. Clay, of this county, received a cable dispatch to-day from her son, Captain Charles D. Clay, saying that he was not seriously wounded yesterday's battle near Manila. He is a grandson of Henry Clay, his father being the late James B. Clay, a member of Congress for the Ashland district. He was appointed about fifteen years ago to a lieutenancy in the Regular Army by President Arthur, and fought Indians for ten years. He was then instructor of cadets. at the Kentucky State College for four years, when he was ordered to join his regiment, the

He served in Cuba under General Lawton, was at his colonel's side when the latter was killed. was promoted to a captaincy for valor on the field, made the oration over Colonel Haskell's body at Columbus, and went to Manila on the Grant. He has a wife and one child, Mrs. Clay being a daughter of the late Colonel Robert Pepper, a well-known horseman, of Frankfort,

CAPTAIN STUART, OF COLORADO, KILLED. Pueblo Col. March 25 - A dispatch from Manila. received here to-day, announces that Captain Charles B. Stuart, of Company B. ist Colorado, was killed in the battle with the insurgents.

Ex-Mayor William L. Strong said last night that he has had no news from his son, Major P. Brad-lee Strong, who is at Manila. CAPTAIN CLARK WOUNDED.

NO WORD FROM MAJOR P. B. STRONG.

Lawrence, Kan., March 25,-Captain Adna G. Clark, Company H. 20th Kansas, was wounded through the shoulder in to-day's fight at Manlia, according to a dispatch received here. The wound was severe, but not serious. Captain Clark is a graduate of Kansas University. He is a member of the bar, and was deputy district cierk when he volunteered.

PREDICT VICTORY FOR REBELS. Madrid, March 25.-Spanish officers acquainted

with the Philippine Islands, notwithstanding the American successes, continue to predict the failure of Major-General Otis's campaign. They say that while the Americans will undoubtedly win all the battles they will lose the campaign itself, owing to the aptitude of the Tagalos to conduct a war of surprises and ambuscades. Maloles, the capital of the rebel government, they add, will fall into the hands of the Ameri-

cans, but the Spanlards insist the war will rage as long as the rebels desire it. The correspondent at Manila of the "Corre-

spondencia" alleges that within six days from the reopening of hostilities the Americans lost

NEGOTIATIONS AT MADRID. Madrid March 25 - An officer to whom had

been intrusted a mission to the Philippines to endeavor to secure the liberation of the Spanish prisoners held by the insurgents has been ordered not to embark on the journey, as Agui-naldo will send an emissary here to negotiate

THE GRANT RETURNING.

Washington, March 25.-The following dispatch was received from General Otis at the War Department to-day:

Manila, March 25. Adjutant-General, Washington.
Transport Grant leaves for Nagasaki and San
Francisco this afternoon.

The Grant has been temporarily converted into a hospital-ship, and brings all the sick and wounded from Manila that were able to leave the city at the time of her sailing.

A DAY OF EXCITEMENT AND ANXIETY IN WASHINGTON.

NOTHING BUT PRAISE HEARD FOR THE STRATEGY EXHIBITED BY THE AMERI-

busiest days of the war with Spain. Every officer was intently looking for every scrap of information as to the progress made by General Otis's force. It was noted that the movement was being executed like clockwork. necessarily one of great rapidity, yet the officials noted with delight the perfection of the arrangements as revealed in the press dispatches; the rapid work of the signal men, well up with the troops in the advance, running their wires; the ambulance corps close up to the fighting lines, and the pressing forward of the supplies.

The following cable dispatch was received from General Otis this morning: Manila, March 25.

Adjutant-General, Washington.

MacArthur, with two brigades, commenced advance on Novaliches, northwest of Caloocan, in centre of the insurgent lines, at daybreak this morning, advancing rapidly and successfully, suffering little; from Novaliches MacArthur will swing to left and strike north of Polo; Wheaton's brigade, fronting Caloocan, will press forward at the proper time; Hall's brigade, on the old line north of Pasig, is demonstrating west of the pumping station. Enemy twelve thousand strong on the lines. I am endeavoring to take fraction in reverse. OTIS. Adjutant-General, Washington.

NO HALTING IN THE MOVEMENT.

Although the end was not known when the Department closed, the greatest confidence was shown by the officials in the complete success of the American arms, and nothing but praise was heard for the strategy exhibited by Otis was heard for the strategy exhibited by Olis and his generals. MacArthur especially came in for commendation, being the active leader of the advancing column thrown first against the insurgent line. The opinion expressed at the Department was that the American troops would bivouse on the field, or rather in the jungle, and would take up the forward movement as soon as the sun rises to-morrow. There was no question about stopping at this point. The movement was intended to break the insurgent power, and it would be ereak the insurgent power, and it would be sushed to the utmost unless the Fliipinos surendered or fled beyond reach in the mountains and tuneless.

and jungles.

It is said at the Department that General Otis has under his command at and near Manila about 27,000 solders; Aguinaldo, according to the latest reports, has about 30,000 armed men. General Corbin estimates that the American flying column in action to-day was about 10,000 strong. The insurgents, according to General Otis, had about 12,000 men in line. But Aguinaldo's reserve, 18,000 strong, is not far distant from the scene of the hardest fishting; indeed, it is suspected that some of them, including the leader himself, may have been drawn into to-day's struggle, in which case the odds would have been against the Americans. The latter appear to be taking full advantage of the great assistance to be found in the possession of the railroad, for their movement to-day was generally parallel to the road at all points.

Intense interest was exhibited in the news which began to come from General Otis early in the day. It was apparent that he had begun which he had been so carefully preparing for a long time, and it was confidently expected that this blow would destroy the last vestige of the insurgent organization, although it was realized that this could not be effected without considerable loss to the American forces. General Otis deemed this course a military necessity, because, with the approach of the rainy and unhealthy season, now within a month, the position of the American troops on the outer lines would become untenable. and jungles.
It is said at the Department that General Otis

Immediately on receipt of the dispatch announcing the beginning of the advance by Mac-Arthur's division and the plan for the movement of the remaining sections of the American column there was a consultation of the tary Information Bureau. It was then perceived that General Otis was endeavoring to drive a wedge straight through the centre of the insurgent forces, and then by a rapid wheel to crush one of the divided wings against another crush one of the divided wings against assection of the American column. General Oils's statement that "I am endeavoring to take fraction (of the enemy) in reverse" was taken to make this plain. As nearly as could be calculated MacArthur held the centile of the American line. He was driving straight northward, and was to proceed in that direction until ward, and was to proceed in that direction until
he had flanked the insurgent centre. The statement that he had arrived at Novallehes shows
that he was then about nine miles northenst of
Manila. When he swings to the left north of
Pelo he will have between himself and the Bay
of Manila about a third of the insurgent army. If
he manages to get in the rear of this body the
insurgents will be fairly cornered in a triangle
formed by the hay on one site. MacArthur's
force on the northeast and Wheaton's brigade
on the south. It is assumed that this is what
General Otts means when he talks of taking the
enemy in reverse, for the statement that Wheaton will press forward at the proper time was regarded as an indication that it will be his duty o close up the triangle and prevent the escape of the insurgents. The only hope of the latter would appear to be in retreating before Macadvance so rapidly as to prevent being

any length of time.

General Corbin's attention was called to the indication from the dispatch that the engagement seemed to be general along the American lines from the pumping station west of Manila. tioned at the waterworks, it was evident that his purpose was to distract the attention of the enemy from the main point of attack on the At any rate, it would serve to prevent the insurgents from concentrating to of MacArthur's advance, from the fear through an attack by the Americans from direction of the pumping station they would be

An inquiry was made as to why so large a proportion of the volunteer troops was thrown into the advance. It was answered at the Department that these volunteers were actually more of veierans than many of the Regulars. They have been in service nearly a year, and in that time have seen more fighting than any other branch of the Army. They have an advantage over the Regulars who have just arrived in their knowledge of jungle fighting acquired through their iong stay at Manila. Then it is said to be the part of prudence to maintain a strong reserve of the most trustworthy character in such a movement as this now golor on acter in such a movement as this now going on, and General Otis in his dispatch of yesterday emphasized the necessity of maintaining the old battle lines surrounding the city.

THE CAPTURE OF THE RAILROAD. Great satisfaction was expressed at the report that the American troops had captured the railters. The chief danger to which the American advance has been exposed has been the cutting of the line of communication with Manila, thus preventing supplies from reaching the outposts. Great difficulty has already been experienced in wing to the great length of the American line ut with this railroad in possession of General tis the task will be reduced to fully one-half he difficulty, if, indeed, it is necessary to main-

tain these extreme outposts longer.

There is a possibility of confusion over the names of Generals Hale and Hall. General Irving Hale was colonel of the Colorado infantry, and has been promoted to brigadier-general of volunteers. General Robert H. Hall was formerly colonel of the 4th Infantry, and has also been promoted to brigadier-general of volun-teers. Both of these men were in the engagement north of Manila. The following belated dispatch was received at

the War Department this m Manila, March 24.

Manila, March 24.

Adjutant-General, Washington:
City quiet; business progressing, no indications of excitement. Fighting far beyond city limits. Firing cannot be heard; old battle lines surrounding city maintained, and city cannot be safely uncovered.

OTIS.

HEALTH OF THE TROOPS IMPROVED. Washington, March 25.-Reports have been resteed at the office of the Surgeon-General showing greatly improved. The sick rate has decreased from 13 to 9 per cent. There is less malarial and typhold fever, dysentery and other diseases than

noted in earlier reports. This indicates that the troops are becoming acclimated. Smallpox has been unusually severe, owing, it is believed, to the in sufficient vaccination of the troops which departed from the Pacific Coast. Many of the men in the Philippines were vaccinated by virus received from Japan, which was not effective. The Surgeon-Gen eral has now established a vaccine plant at Manila, eral has now established a vaccine plant at Manila. The troops in the Philippines appear to be more susceptible to smallpox than those in the West Indies. Although smallpox has occur severe in Porto Rico, none of the troops have been stricken. General Henry has ordered the entire population of eight hundred thousand vaccinated, and in order to secure material has established a vaccine farm at Ponce. In the Department of Santiago there have been over five hundred cases of smallpox among the natives, but the troops have not suffered. The Army regulations require vaccination when men are enlisted, but it is said they evidently have been carelessly observed on the Pacific Coast with men sent to the Philippines.

LETTER TO AGUINALDO CAPTURED. IT CONFIRMS REPORTS THAT A GENERAL UPRISING OF FILIPINOS WAS INTENDED.

Washington, March 25.—An important confidential official communication to Aguinaldo from one of his leaders is among the captured documents from the Philippines which have been forwarded by United States postal agents to the Department here. The document is marked "most urgent," addressed to "Sr. Dn. Emilio Aguinaldo, Presidente del Gobierno de la Republica de Filipinas, Malolos." It is signed by Bonafacio Arevalo, who appears to have been one of Aguinaldo's trusted agents Pasig, near Manila. The handwriting of the letter is fairly good, but the spelling and punctuation are illiterate that the most expert Spanish translators have not been able to make a verbatin translation. The general purport of the letter, however, is clearly apparent, and confirms previous formation that a general uprising of Aguinaldo's adherents in and around Manila was in contempla tion some time at the end of January or the beginning of February. The writer says that he has two thousand men available, who will rise at the our fixed for the "rupture." them, he says, that on the day determined on the must keep in their houses till night, so as not to attract the suspicions of the Americans. "I am in Pasig." he says, "so as to be ready at any moment to be ready to go to my district of Sampaloo." He says he has been warned by a frilend who professed to speak in the name of Major Bell (an American officer since reported among the wounded), that he had better keep quiet and stay at home, but that such advice is repugnant to his feelings. He apolicities for not having levied a "prestamo," or forced loan, on the citizens of Pasig, as ordered by Schor Sandleo, in the name of Aguinaldo, saying that he could not do so without drawing down on himself the attention of the Americans, who were so numerous all around him. He closes by an urgent appeal to Aguinaldo to send him money to meet the immediate necessity of his forces.

The letter is dated January 28, and was intended to have been sent by courier to Aguinaldo. Pasig," he says, "so as to be ready at any moment

CAPTAIN DYER ORDERED HOME. COMMANDER OF THE BALTIMORE FOUND TO BE PHYSICALLY UNFIT FOR SERVICE.

Washington March 25.-The Navy Department received a dispatch from Admiral Dewey this morning saying that a medical board of survey had examined Captain Dyer, of the Baltimore, and found him physically unfit for longer service in the Philippines, and he had been ordered home. One of the newly promoted captains under the Naval Personnel bill will be assigned to command the Basilmore.

UNION OF CHURCHES LIKELY.

THE FOURTH AVENUE AND THIRTEENTH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGA-TIONS TALK OF CONSOLIDATION.

Regarding the reports of action by the Fourth Avenue and the Thirteenth Street Presbyterian purches looking to the uniting of the two, may be authoritatively stated that no formal ction by either church has been taken. There ce been informal conferences by the officers of the two churches for an interchange of ideas on e problems confronting each congregation,

For a number of years rumor has had it that the Fourth Avenue Church, in consequence of the re-moval of large numbers of its older families upown, was going to dispose of its valuable site at ty-second-st, and float up with the tide, for from this being the purpose, a prominent memher informed a Tribune reporter last night, it is sought to establish a strongly endowed people's immediate neighborhood. Looking to the co ite one or perhaps more of the other Presbyterian

a sum mounting up to between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500.

own church in perpetuity. Now, it happens that this same purpose has actuated the people of the Thirteenth Street Church, for they have realized, as their olde: members moved uptown and their resources diminished, that nothing could save them except a heavy endowment. And to attain this the only way open has seemed to be to unite with some

As to the talk that his church, by leaving Thirteenth-st, would be deserting lower New-York, Dr. Buchanan, the pastor, believes, after carefully studying the situation, that there are dready too many Protestant churches in that see From Christopher to Twenty-third st., west of Fifth-ave., there are between twenty-five and thirty Protestant churches of various denomina tions working among only 20 per cent of the popul man Catholic or Jewish, and not susceptible to

lation, the remaining so per cent being either Roman Catholic or Jewish, and not susceptible to Protestant influences. At least three of these churches, being richly endowed, are enabled to send forth large corps of workers, who cover the entire field. The result is that their less fortunate neighbors, unable to compete with them, are gradually being forced to the wall. So it is felt that if the Thirteenth Street Church should move it would not be to the detriment of Protestant Christianity in lower New-York.

The first step necessary to the consolidation must come from the Fourth Avenue Church, in the shape of an incitation to join with it, and action looking toward this end will probably be taken at the next meeting of the congregation, which has been called for Wednesday evening next. As soon as the invitation is extended, as will probably be done shortly, a meeting of the Thirteenth Street congregation will be called to consider the advisability of accepting or declining.

However, the general understanding between the two churches is such that it may be safely predicted that before the year is out the Fourth Avenue Church will absorb the Thirteenth Street, the latter carrying with it its pastor, who will become pustor of the strengthened Fourth Avenue Church. The latter thus gets a pastor, its pulpit now being vacant, and the former a new home.

REPUBLICAN PROSPECTS GOOD.

CHAIRMAN MILLARD OF THE WESTCHESTER RE PUBLICAN COMMITTEE IS HOPEFUL.

"The indications strongly favor the Republicans at the town elections to be held in this county on Tuesday," said Frank V. Millard, chairman of the Westchester County Republican Committee, to a Tribune reporter yesterday. "The reports received by me from the different towns show that the organization is not divided as in former years, harmony prevails and all are working for the suport of the tickets nominated

"In my own town, Greenburg, the success of the Republican ticket is assured. In the last year un der Democratic rule the taxes have been increased and money due to the town lost. The best proof and no notice has been given to the taxpayers. while in other towns of the county the collectors began work last week. Last year Supervisor Tompkins, Republican, who was not a member of th Equalization of Assessments Committee, had Greenburg Township's valuation placed at 90 per

Greenburg Township's valuation placed at 90 per cent. This year Supervisor McClelland, Democrat, in a Democratic Board, and a member of the Equalization Committee, could not hold the valuation fixed by Supervisor Tompkins, and allowed it to drop to 89 per cent."

Mr. Millard also said that through the carelessness of Supervisor McClelland Greenburg will lose about £2.26 due it from the State. Under the new law towns that work their highways on the money system are entitled to reimbursement by the State for 25 per cent of the amount expended. The certificate of indebtedness, Mr. Millard said, was delayed too long, and when the Controller received it he sent back word that it was received too late, as all the money appropriated for such purpose had been distributed. The tax books are being held back so as to influence the town election, but the Republicans are alive to the issue, and will enter their protest at the polls

MORE TROOPS OFF FOR MANILA. San Francisco, March 25. The transport City of dred men of the 9th Infantry. Lieutenant Vitate, military attache of the Italian Legation at Washington, was abourd.





It Is Not Strange That Mothers,

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REASONS FOR AN INCREASE IN THE STATE TAX RATE.

THE SMALLNESS OF LAST YEAR'S LEVY DUE TO THE USE OF SURPLUS FUNDS-EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Albany, March 25.-The leaders of the Republican majority in the Legislature have begun to consider the probable State tax rate and are guiding themselves in their consideration of the appropriation bills by the knowledge that this year it must be higher than last year. Frank S. Black believed a year ago that he was going to be renominated for Governor, and therefore seized on all the surplus funds he could get hold of in order to keep down the tax rate. In this way about \$2,000,000 was used, and an artificially low tax rate was produced. Now ernor Roosevelt finds substantially an empty State treasury, and must make good some of the funds thus used; they are needed to pay the

State's expenses while taxes are being collected. A wild rumor was circulated to-day that Mr. Black's deceptive tax rate of 2.08 mills would be succeeded this year by a rate of 2.75 mills on POMPEHAN GLASS, in the dark, lustron \$1,000. Speaker Nixon, however, said this statement was certainly false. There would be no such increase. The rate would be about 2.50 mills, in his judgment.

The increase will be due partly to the ex traordinary expenses the State had to meet When the Spanish war broke out the sum of \$1,500,000 was appropriated to equip the New-York troops. Eventually a large part of that sum will be returned to the State by the Federal Government. It is the pian of the Republican leaders, if the United States Government does not pay this money soon, to issue bonds for most of the amount. Its payment will be spread over a series of years, and little of it will be represented in this year's tax levy. The claims of the canal contractors may have

to be met, and there is a suspicion that some of the money reserved from payments due them is not in the State treasury, but was paid out to secure Mr. Black's abnormally low tax rate. The unsound finance of Mr. Black's administration thus comes home to the taxpayers, who in 1800 will have to pay debts which should have been met in 1808. The canal contractors have claims against the State in addition to the sums reserved, amounting to about \$700,000. Then there are deficiencies in various State

departments, also legacies from the Black administration. It has been asserted that some \$2,500,000 additional taxes must be imposed, and that the total appropriations will be \$25,000,000 Instead of \$23,000,000. Governor Roosevelt is known to have urged

the most rigid economy in the State departments. It is already hinted that no \$500,000 will be appropriated this year for the purchase of lands in the Adirondacks. Part of the sum which was expected to be expended in this direction, however, will be taken to buy fifteen thousand magazine rifles for the National Guard, at a cost of \$300,000.

"THE NEW POWER" IN BASEBALL Two letters, written by John I. Rogers, treasurer of the Philadelphia Ball Club, were made public last night. One is dated March 7, and is addressed to B. S. Muckenfuss, receiver of the St. Louis club, and the other is to F. De H. Robison, president of the Cleveland Club, and is dated March 10. In the letter to Mr. Muckenfuss Mr. Rogers dwells in a spicy manner on the subject of the gate re

the baseball magnates: My object in thus writing you, and this is entirely confidential, is to post you thoroughly on all that I know, and I want you to hint to Mr. Becker that I am the new power in the League (even if you don't think I am), and that unless he in his bargain with Mr. Robison, either made or to be made, will say that we must be placated on the 26c, division, he will not get through what he wants to. I think he will see the point.

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